

District II Advisory Board Minutes

February 6, 2012

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #20 located at 2255 S. Greenwich Road. CM Meitzner was in attendance, (8) board members, and (5) staff attended.

Members Present

Max Weddle
Aaron Mayes
Joe Yager
Nick Howell
Steve Harris
David Babich
Tom Roth
Brian Carduff

Blaine Knott

Staff Present

Antione Sherfield- Neighborhood Assistant
Robert Layton – City Manager’s Office
Paul Gunzelman – Public Works Department
Officer Lloyd – Wichita Police Department
Chief Snow -Wichita Fire Department

Members Absent

April Leason
Alex Webb – Youth Member

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Steve Harris, Advisory Board chairman welcomed everyone and explained how the DAB meeting is conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- February Agenda approved (8-0)
- January Minutes approved (8-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. **Off-Agenda Items**
No items submitted

STAFF REPORT

2. **Community Police Report**

Officer Lloyd provided information pertaining to current crime trends in District II. Officer Lloyd stated the Wichita Police Department will be applying for underage drinking grant. This will be the eight year they have targeted this grant. The purpose of the grant is to make teenagers aware of the dangers of underage alcohol consumption.

Officer Lloyd also stated that Kellogg and Webb Road is still the #2 accident intersection in the city. Lastly, the Wichita Police Department will conduct a special assignment project on Rock Road which will target seat belt violations.

DAB Chairman Steve Harris thanked Officer Lloyd and the Police Department for the fine work they provide our community.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

3. Community Fire Report

Chief Snow provided information pertaining to Fire Service calls in District II. Chief Snow stated there was a total of (13) fires across the City in the month of December. Out of the (13) fires, (9) were structure fires. Chief Snow also stated there was an increase in EMS and services calls in 2011. The Wichita Fire Department is hopeful those numbers will not increase in 2012.

Chief Snow also made the DAB aware of the 2012 Citizens Academy program that will begin in May of this year and end in July. They are encouraging citizens to sign up and take full advantage of the opportunity.

DAB Chairman Steve Harris thanked Chief Snow and the Fire Department for the fine work and service they provide our community.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

4. 2011-2020 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

City Manager Robert Layton provided information pertaining to 2011-2020 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget.

The City of Wichita CIP outlines infrastructure improvements forecasted for the community over the next decade. The CIP aligns with the core priorities of protecting life and property, protecting infrastructure investment and promoting a growing and sustainable community. A draft CIP document has been prepared by staff. To receive feedback and direction, staff has or will present to the City Council in workshop, the District Advisory Boards, and the Planning Commission. Adoption of the CIP by the City Council is planned for later this spring.

Analysis: The 10 year CIP includes \$2.4 billion in improvements to City infrastructure over the next decade. Of this, around \$300 million is financed through at-large General Obligation

debt (financed through the property tax mill levy); \$237 million is financed through the current 1 cent countywide sales tax (passed in 1985); \$872 million is financed by Water Utilities revenues; \$399 million is financed from State and Federal funds; and \$588 million is from other sources – mainly airport revenues and special assessments.

The Proposed CIP includes 72 arterial street projects, including bike paths, intersections, street sections and neighborhood improvements. A total of \$80 million would fund bridges, including a new bridge over the Big Ditch. Freeway projects total \$247 million, and would include a Kellogg and Webb interchange, a Kellogg and Greenwich interchange, as well as design and right of way expenditures to the west City limits. Public Facilities expenditures of \$237 million are budgeted, with \$30 million to fund a new central library and \$90 million for a new Heartland Preparedness Center. A detailed listing of all proposed projects and the proposed financial plan is included in the 2011-2020 CIP document available at www.wichita.gov.

Financial Considerations: The CIP is financed from a variety of sources. No change in the City's over all property tax levy is anticipated to support the proposed CIP. Some additional Water Utilities rate adjustments are anticipated.

DAB Questions/Concerns

- **How much is the City collecting in property tax?**
- **Are we AAA bond rating or AA bond rating?**
- **Is the City forecasting it will refinance at lower percentage?**
- **How does the City continue to draw new businesses to Wichita?**
- **Have we ever hit forecasted levels?**
- **What is the growth rate over the last couple of years?**
- **What is the status of the ASR project?**
- **Where is the City in regard to the new Downtown Library project?**

Recommended Action: Receive and file

5. OCI End of the Year Report

Harlan Bascombe, Office of Central Inspection provided information in regard to OCI end of year statistics.

OCI Supervisor advised the District II Advisory Board of the many changes that the OCI Department has experienced over last year. Staff has been reduced due to budget cuts and responsibility has increased. There was a consolidation study completed to see if the City and County are duplicating services. The Department has not made any decisions in regard to combining services.

The inspector staff had a reduction of (5) inspectors, support staff had a reduction of (2) staffers. Harlan reassured the audience that the OCI Department will continue to function and improve service delivery with a depleted staff.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

6. Monthly REAP Update

Joe Yager provided monthly R.E.A.P update. Mr. Yager advised the DAB that REAP will be hosting delegation luncheon during the legislative session in Topeka, Kansas. REAP will continue to focus on affordable airfares in lieu of Southwest Airlines coming to Wichita. Lastly, discussion at the next REAP meeting will focus on Economic Development targeting marketing efforts.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

4. Updates, Issues, and Report

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next **DAB II Meeting will be March 5, 2012**

Respectfully Submitted,
Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant